

Denver shareholders meeting big success

The last installment of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ first quarterly shareholders meetings in 2015 went off in style on March 21, at the Marriott Tech Center in Denver Colo.

Shareholders gathered in a large banquet room, for what felt more like a party than a meeting. A film about the tribes, shot by CATV47 played in the background, while attendees filed in, raffle ticket in hand. Quickly, all the large tables were filled and the room loud with the chatter of old friends. The hotel staff provided a meal and then the meeting began, unconventionally enough with a raffle by the Education Department and Darren Brown acting as emcee.

Christopher Roman Nose, CAO, offered a detailed presentation on various departments of the tribal organization, and other speakers were Mannix Barnes, the new general manager of the tribes’ five casinos, Easton Yellowfish, staff accountant for the Department of Treasury, Yolanda Valenzuela-Lira, staff accountant for the Tax Commission and Treasurer C. Kay Mackety.

The meeting covered updates on the Department of Administration, the Department of Education, the Department of Enrollment, the Department of Health, the Department of Housing, the Department of Social Services, the Tribal College, the Hammon Casino and the Department of Treasury (reported on in the March 15, 2015 issue), and ended with a question and answer session with

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Governor Eddie Hamilton.

In addition, Native American model Josephine “Jojo” Horsechief spoke about her goals in running for the 2015 Miss Santa Fe pageant. Horsechief’s platform in running would be to raise awareness on the unprecedented number of Indigenous women who are victims of rape and sexual assault in New Mexico, and throughout North and South America. She also hopes to break barriers for future Native actresses and models and increase their visibility, and ended her speech with a plea for sponsors.

The question and answer portion with Governor Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey was very active, including questions regarding the 2012 bank freeze, the entire tribal government, as well as anecdotes and comments of appreciation for the trip. When asked why the tribe must pay the First Bank & Trust’s attorney fees of \$102,419.36, when the Okla. Court of Civil Appeals ruled that the state never had jurisdiction in the first place, Roman Nose answered, “We didn’t like it either. I don’t think any of this went the way we wanted. But in the contract that we signed with First Bank & Trust it was part of the contract that we pay any attorney fees.”

District A-1 legislative assistant Michael Bell



Photos by Shaida Tabrizi
Governor Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey welcome those who traveled far to attend the Denver shareholders meeting.

offered the suggestion to add alcoholism to the tribes’ campaign against meth, and asked the governor’s opinion on the gross number of executive orders put forth by the federal government.

To which Hamilton replied, “Separation of powers is chief in that question. Even those issues will play out in some way or fashion. We still hold true that we want to do our best to work side by side every day with legislation to make sure that those aren’t going to be compound issues where we’re going to divide and we break this whole unity aspect. Or being able to really try as a true government to work and make sure we’re making the best decisions possible. What’s important to me is that this Nation, that this government, that we can actually progress and work together to provide the best services for our people from the youngest to oldest.”



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Veterans from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes attend the dedication for the new Code Talker Hall located on the base of Ft. Sill in Lawton, Okla.

From l-r: Vincent Scott, Melvin Roman Nose and Larry Roman Nose.

Ft. Sill Army post dedicates building to Native American Code Talkers

By Jolene Schonchin, Editor
Comanche Nation News

In the reflection of the majestic and spiritual Medicine Bluffs on Ft. Sill Military Base in Lawton, Okla., the families of Code Talkers gathered the morning of March 20 to commemorate the opening of Code Talker Hall, where new soldiers of the base will be processed to begin their military career.

“I am happy to be here for my older brother, Larry Saupitty, who was a Code Talker,” said Vivian Saupitty Gooday, “I wish my sisters were here, but I am glad to be here for them.”

Representatives from the Comanche, Kiowa, Cheyenne, and Choctaw tribes’ partook of the celebration, all of whom have Code Talkers who served in World Wars I and II.

As the tribute of these unique and gallant men began, the narrator gave an historical overview. “Native Americans have a long record of service to the US Army and other services. In 1834, when the Dragoon Expedition first came to what would become Fort Sill, Delaware here for them.”

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Tradition returns to tribe through buffalo butcher

By Shaida Tabrizi
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It was a gray, violently windy day in Concho. Men and women sharpened knives and children huddled close to their parents, unsure of what to expect. They gathered around the sacred animal, ready to learn the old ways of ceremony and survival.

So began the buffalo butcher hosted by the Culture and Heritage Program in collaboration with the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. and Farm and Ranch Programs at the Concho powwow grounds March 17, 2015.

The buffalo used in the butchering ceremony was a 4-5 year old male from the C&A’s herd taken down by a group of experienced hunters early that gloomy morning. Culture and Heritage director Max Bear claimed the honor of dropping the bull. Remarking on the sacredness of the hunt, Bear stated

that he said a short prayer of thanks when he shot it.

Culture and Heritage project manager, Greg Spotted Bird talked to the crowd about the importance of the buffalo to C&A culture.

“The buffalo is a sacred animal to us, it has taken us a long way,” Spotted Bird said. “That’s why we’re here today, trying to teach the kids.”

Young and old took part in the arduous task of butchering such a large animal. Beginning with a long cut up the underbelly, everyone set to work removing organs, the hide, identifying and then cutting up the cuts of meat and finally severing the head. Each part had a use or prior claim by a tribal member, ranging from the hooves to even the hair on the buffalo’s head, which will soon become part of a

traditional doll.

The main goal of the event was to involve young tribal members in the old traditions of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people. Instruction was given in a typical familiar way, not by one person standing apart and offering intellectual or anecdotal information about the traditions. Each experienced man or woman had a share in teaching

and including the young. It was 4-year-old Sinte Luta Houska’s first time at a buffalo butcher. He and his mother Terra Houska of the Ogalala Lakota tribes moved here from South Dakota. Though he was nervously concerned for the buffalo, asking if they would be calling an ambulance to help it, his mother comfortably helped him to understand

a little of the tradition.

“He’s an animal lover,” Houska said. “But I told him that it’s a good thing, that they’re skinning the buffalo to make blankets. There are a lot more educational opportunities here for education.”

Many women were at the ready to be handed buffalo meat, deftly dividing the cuts for cooking and drying as well as teaching young ones their art. Ten-year-old Memo Valenzuela said he learned much about the buffalo.

“I think it looks cool and I think everything looks fragile. It’s very useful,” Valenzuela said.

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program provided a grill to cook buffalo sirloin and heart and gave out samples to the crowd. While they cooked, the sun made an appearance, lightening the mood considerably. See **Buffalo butcher** pg. 7

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A price paid, Blackbear retraces 1965 Selma to Montgomery march

By Darrel James, Native News Editor

In 1965, some 50 years ago, a full-blood Cheyenne from Kingfisher, Okla., traveled to Selma, Ala., in the midst of racial unrest to take to the streets of Selma marching for voting rights during the Civil Rights Movement.

The eyes of the nation watched as hundreds of marchers, on March 7, 1965, attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge across the Alabama River in Selma. For five days they were faced with police billy clubs, tear gas, canines biting and barking, trampling horses and being sprayed with thousand pounds of water pressure. Many were injured, but the persistence and determination of the marchers would not end.

50 years later ... On Wednesday, March 4, 2015, that Cheyenne, now 74 years old, Floyd Blackbear, traveled with a group of Langston University delegates to commemorate the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March.

“We traveled all night, it took us 21 hours to drive,” said Blackbear. “We went through Arkansas, Mississippi, stopped in Tuscaloosa, Alabama for food, and then continued to Selma.”

Again, with the nation watching, the scene would be much different on Saturday, March 7, 2015. In 1965, marchers were met with racial slurs filled with meanness and hate from white people on the streets. This year, all races joined in support.

For Blackbear, it was a time to reflect on how far the country has come in 50 years while a student from Langston University pushed him in a wheelchair.

“My feeling was these people who were here did not face violence. It brought



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March 1965 American Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King with his wife, Coretta Scott King and colleagues during the march from Selma, Ala., to the state capital in Montgomery.

back memories that a price was paid,” said Blackbear. “Indian people don’t see what civil rights are.”

Personal Experience of Racism

He was 24 years old, but for Blackbear, his age did not matter. The personal experience of racism in restaurants, and a pattern of negative behavior from local law enforcement, all delved inside for the minister and former city parks department employee with the City of Kingfisher.

“If an Indian or black was walking home, their [police] solution was to arrest them,” said the aging gray-haired man. “It was the unfair practice of law enforcement in Kingfisher, the police brutality and mistreatment of Indians, blacks, and poor, in general.”

Blackbear was active in Kingfisher community activities, and at the local Darrah Indian United Methodist Church of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Confer-

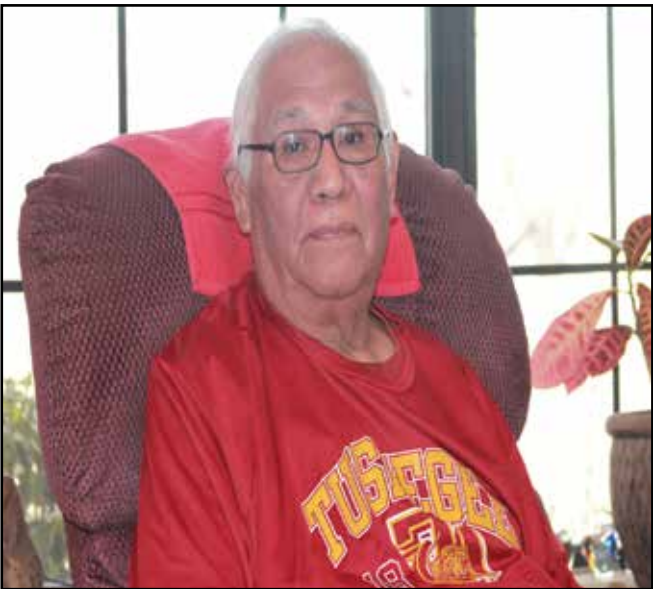


Photo by Darrel James
Floyd Blackbear, 74, remembers vividly the 1965 Civil Rights march from Selma, Ala., to the state capital in Montgomery March 1965. Blackbear has spent his life fighting for equal rights in all arenas.

ence. He helped with youth, organized activities, and set up sporting events for tribal youth such as volleyball and softball.

It was during this time when Blackbear met the Rev. R.T. Jackson, a local black

minister.

“He held a rally at his church in Kingfisher and we began a working relationship with other entities that were involved in human relations,” said Blackbear.

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Language revitalization conference keeps hope alive

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

It is unfortunate that in this age of information, entire languages are struggling to survive. But there are a few champions left, doing all they can to keep them alive.

Scholars, teachers and all those interested in the preservation of the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages gathered in Denver, Colo., to discuss ideas and share encouragement.

Speakers and guests from as far away as Wisconsin and Oklahoma met at the Language Sharing and Experience Conference, held March 19 and 20, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Denver East-Stapleton. Speakers included Dr. Andrew Cowell, professor at the University of Colorado, C&A Tribal teachers Carol Whiteskunk and Joyce Twins, short lan-



Photo by Shaida Tabrizi
Carol Whiteskunk and Joyce Twins take a break from their roles as speakers to enjoy the conference.

guage video maker Billie Sutton of the C&A tribes and Finn Thy, language advocate and teacher. Talks covered a range of topics like beginning the language revitalization process at

home with children, teaching Cheyenne at the high school level, and in depth grammar discussions within the Arapaho language.

Despite a rather low turnout, speakers and at-

tendees were passionate about their subject, ready to share their own ideas to help others as well as staying late behind each talk to answer/ask questions.

Guest speaker Finn Thy told the audience of her unique “Home with Arapaho” project. As a display of love and gratitude to the Arapaho people, Thy has turned her home into a miniature Arapaho language school, learning the language from the elders and academic resources while at the same time teaching her children.

“The weather is changing, there are so many cool projects and initiatives,” Finn Thy said.

Thy also writes a blog, detailing all of her experi-

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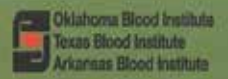


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Not On Our Land: Oklahoma tribe latest to combat Meth In Indian Country

By, Kristi Eaton
Indian Country Today Media Network

Joe Sayerwinnie can still recall vividly the first time he tried methamphetamine.

Just 14 at the time and already a regular consumer of alcohol, cocaine and a variety of pills, Sayerwinnie says he was turning to whatever drug he could get his hands on.

Riding around Oklahoma City with two friends in search of the next chance to party, Sayerwinnie, a member of the Comanche Nation, was handed a pipe of meth to smoke.

“My buddy was like, ‘smoke some of this and you’ll be alright. You’ll be able to keep going and keep partying.’ I remember when I smoked it, man, I liked it a lot. The high was just, it was great,” Sayerwinnie said, comparing the high he felt to the energy buzz people get from drinking a five-hour energy drink. “I started smoking it and I started using it more often.”

Over time, Sayerwinnie started stealing to fund his habit, including stealing from his mom. “I was so bad. I didn’t care about nothing and nobody but myself and where I was going to get my next high,” he said.

Across the country, methamphetamine use has been ravaging tribal communities and their members. A 2006 report from the National Congress of American Indians found that Native Americans have the highest rates of meth abuse, with 1.7 percent of American Indians or Alaska Native respondents reporting they had used meth in the past year. Among Native Hawaiians surveyed, 2.2 percent said they had used the drug in the past year. This compares with 0.7 percent for Caucasians, 0.5 percent of Hispanics, 0.2 percent for Asians and 0.1 percent for African-Americans.

Methamphetamine use in rural communities can be especially devastating. The NCAI report says use on reservations and in rural Native communities can be as high as 30 percent.

The Concho, Oklahoma-based Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is the latest Native community to try to combat the drug’s detrimental effects among its tribal members.

The tribe created a public awareness campaign called Not On Our Land to draw attention to the abuse and offer resources for people needing him.

“The crippling drug has affected so many of our people that we must no longer stand idly by and allow this travesty to go,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Eddie Hamilton said in a statement on a newly created website about



the campaign, NotOnOurLand.com. “Meth abuse is becoming more prevalent each day as it destroys the lives of our families and loved ones.”

The campaign aims to educate the public about meth, which is also known as speed, tweak, crystal, crank and ice; its effect on communities and offer information for those addicted.

The drug not only ravages the person taking it, causing paranoia, hallucinations, delusions of parasites under the skins, heart attacks, stroke and even death, but it also affects everyone around it. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has found that 74 percent of tribal police rank meth as the greatest drug threat to their communities. The drug is often a precursor to violence, with 40 percent of crime in Native land attributed to its use. Sixty-four percent of tribal police say domestic violence and assault has increased as a result.

“Crime increases as users seek quick cash to feed their addiction,” said Mark Woodward, spokesman for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics. “Families suffer as meth takes over a person’s life, which can lead to violence and stress in the home.”

Small children living in the home of a meth addict are especially vulnerable, Woodward said, because there is often little food, water or supervision because the parent is focused on meth rather than caring for the child. Approximately 72 percent of meth homes in Oklahoma have children under the age of 12 living inside homes with deplorable conditions, Woodward said.

He said the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe’s campaign is critical for both users and their families.

“Many meth addicts or family members don’t know where to turn for help and hope,” he added. “This campaign will provide awareness to programs for assistance, as well as education to help our youth understand the dangers and

help them make decisions to stay away from meth or other forms of substance abuse.”

For Sayerwinnie, 31, several stints in prison for various offenses wasn’t even enough to scare him straight and convince him to get help. What did? His then-13-year-old daughter. One day, Sayerwinnie said, she had had enough of the drug abuse and its lifestyle. She started screaming and yelling at him, pleading for him to stop using drugs.

“Just the reaction of my daughter talking to me and yelling at me and telling me that, because she had never said anything to me before,” he said. “It took her to do what she did for me to really want to change. I could see the pain and the hurt. I could see it all in her.”

That was the moment Sayerwinnie decided to turn his life around. He headed to Lawton, the headquarters of the Comanche Nation, to seek help. The tribe sent him to a rehab facility, which he calls the “best thing that ever happened to me.”

“I met people just like me. Some of them were really good people who had made bad decisions,” he said.

Remaining sober is a challenge, but Sayerwinnie said he takes it one day at a time and uses the knowledge and skills he learned during rehab to cope. He’s also focused on helping other American Indians who may feel like they have no one who understands what they are going through.

“Our Native American children, our Native children, are our future,” he said. “If I walk into a room and we give it our all and tell our speech and put it out there, hopefully with the campaign and what I’m trying to do for them ... I hope and pray that if I can get a handful, or even just one, to listen or not do it, then I feel like I’ve accomplished something.”

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Elders go to Denver

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

The 2015 Denver March Elders Trip was a huge success.

Organized by the C&A executive office, 100 in-state elders and 20 out-of-state elders were bussed to Denver, Colo., to attend the 2015 shareholders meeting and the Denver March Powwow. Though it was a long ride, elders entertained themselves with watching movies and playing bingo on the way.

Preparations began early, and callers snatched spots on the bus up in record-breaking time. Those who could not sign up due to fullness were disappointed, yet many took matters into their own hands by driving to Denver themselves, like Donald Spotted Corn from Geary, Okla.

Spotted Corn couldn't take the 17-hour bus ride because of health issues. But he wanted so badly to be a part of the trip that he and his family drove themselves and found a doctor in Denver to provide his necessary dialysis at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning before attending the powwow.

When asked why it was so important to him to make the trek, Spotted Corn said he wanted to see old friends again, the powwow and the mountains.

Many of the elders had been unable to attend shareholders meetings in Oklahoma due to driving distances, so staying in the same hotel the meeting was held was a treat. Some also got the chance to make new friends with their roommates at the hotel, as many out-of-state elders bunked with in-state elders.

Esther Seger commented on how nice it was getting together with friends all weekend and attending the shareholders meeting.



"I've enjoyed myself. There are a lot of them, all the old aged ones here. There's not a lot of us left though so I go every month to the elder day out events," Seger said. "I didn't get to make it to the Clinton shareholders meeting so I'm interested to see what they say."

After a meal, a raffle and a presentation on the C&A departments and casinos, Governor Hamilton singled out the elders at the meeting, thanking them for signing up.

"There's something about these trips that are like therapy," Hamilton said. "These things have had a significant impact on our people. We will be looking out for future trips for our elders."

In addition to the planned events, organizers took the elders all around the city, shopping at flea markets and eating at new and unique restaurants. Friday and Saturday evening was spent at the Denver March powwow, at an arena filled with the sounds of drums, dancing, fun and laughter. Many elders took advantage of the plethora of vendors at the powwow, bringing home souvenirs for family members.

"I'm just having a grand old time!" Patricia Viarrial exclaimed.



Some of the toys used to help children learn Arapaho, just one example of the ideas shared at the language conference.

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ences along the way of this daunting process, called homewitharapaho.wordpress.com. She compares learning a language to learning an instrument, Arapaho with its nuances in pitch is like a violin; a great art requiring great ears.

Twins, who teaches Cheyenne at a public high school, shared other ideas geared toward involving tribal youth in language revitalization. Twins teaches grammar through examples high school students are interested in, like basketball, managing to teach culture at the same time by relating it to traditional netted hoop games the tribe played to practice hunting skills.

A few discordant notes of unhappiness wound their way through the conference as those present brought up issues like the politicization of language and factions within the tribes slowing down the revitalization process through a lack of cooperation. Yet spirits couldn't remain dampened in the face of so many resources like master apprentice programs, blogs, learning games and videos, and talks of a language app in development.

"Maybe the factions getting together will fuel that almost burned out spark in others to learn," Sergio Maldonado of the Arapaho tribe said.

Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Higher Education Program highlights, 2014 events

2014 Annual Graduation Banquet

Our 2014 Annual Graduation Banquet was held on Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in the new Pioneer Cellular Event Center. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Heather Shotton who is Assistant Professor of the Native American Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma. Billie Sutton, Arapaho Language Teacher, said the opening prayer.

Funston Whiteman was the selected Honored Educator. Funston will be receiving his Doctorate degree in Education this year. Funston has been an Assistant Principal for the last six years.

The event went well. Governor Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey, assisted in presenting awards to all high school and college degree graduates that were in attendance. A wonderful buffet meal was provided. The Red Moon Singers drum group sang the Flag songs. Alan Fletcher, C2 Legislator did a great job as M.C. Gordon Yellowman, Wanda Whiteman and Ruben Watan carried the program through. Education staff assisted with decorating the room, with registration, with seating, giving bags to graduates, handing out the agendas, along with many other things.

High School graduates were presented with a \$150 monetary award as an incentive for graduating. Associate Degree graduates received a \$300 monetary award. Bachelor Degree graduates received a \$400 monetary award. Masters Degree graduates received a \$500 monetary award and a pendleton blanket. Doctorate Degree graduates received a \$600 monetary award and a pendleton blanket. A list of 34 college/university degree graduates and a total of 96 high school graduates were honored.

Junior-Senior Fall Break Conference

An event was held during local school fall breaks, which was Oct. 16, 2014.

A Jr-Sr Fall Break Conference was hosted at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. Approximately 70 high school juniors and seniors attended the event from surrounding local schools and Riverside Indian School, along with 30 staff and workshop attendees.

Workshops were held to inspire the students to continue their education after high school graduation.

Prayers were said by Eugene Blackbear Jr. and Gordon Yellowman. Executive Director, Funston Whiteman and Chris Roman Nose, Administrator, welcomed everyone to the event.

Chance Rush was the M.C. and motivational speaker. Students were required to attend workshops, called breakout sessions.

Two Redlands Community College staff were invited to provide a workshop on College Financial Aid, Gabriel Bell presented a workshop on the Gates Millennium Scholarship application process, a workshop was presented by an Army Representative, Michael Bell hosted a Making College Count workshop, Teresa Dorsett held a workshop on Employment Opportunities, a workshop was hosted by the Language Program, and the CATV47 staff presented a workshop. Wanda Whiteman also hosted a workshop on College Preparation for seniors, which included discussion on application deadlines, scholarship search, applying for FAFSA, requesting a pin number for the FAFSA, information on graduation assistance available to eligible seniors, the importance of taking an ACT test and discussion on upcoming graduation banquet.

Many other programs

set up booths and one notable booth was set up by the Election Board and an announcement was made to all the students, that anyone 18 years or older could stop by and fill out a voter's registration application so they could begin to have a vote in the tribal government. The event was a success with over 200 attending.

Dartmouth Student Tour

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education staff, namely Wanda Whiteman, coordinator and Carol Limpy, counselor, took five outstanding Cheyenne and Arapaho students to Haver, N.H. for a campus visit of Dartmouth College. The students were selected in partnership with school officials.

Dartmouth College is one of nine Ivy League schools that ranks among the world's greatest academic institutions. Dartmouth was founded in 1769.

Its origins began during the Indian Missionary movement of the 1700's and the colleges' original charter included an Indian education provision. Dartmouth has an undergraduate enrollment of 4200 and is the smallest university in the Ivy League.

Some of Dartmouth's famous graduates include: Author Robert Frost, Author Theodor Geisel (*Dr. Seuss*), Author Norman Maclean (*A River Runs Through It*), Astronaut Alan Shepherd, Actress Meryl Streep, Actress Rachel Dratch (*SNL*), Actress' Aisha Tyler and Mindy Kaling. Also Actor David Birney, Actor Michael Moriarty (*Law & Order*), Actor Fred Rogers (*Mr. Rogers*) and TV Producer Shonda Rhimes (*Grey's Anatomy*, *Private Practice*, *Scandal* and *How to Get Away with Murder*).

Those that attended the admissions information session and campus tour plus a tour of the Native American house included:

Brice Buffalomeat-Geary High School. Bryce was nominated by his counselor and a recommendation letter was written by his Advanced Placement English IV instructor. Bryce participates in his high school's Academic Team, Band, Beta and Yearbook. He campaigned and was elected to Beta Club's State secretary office in the spring of 2014. Beta Club is a service oriented student organization and honors program for Geary High School students in grades 9-12. Geary Beta students must maintain a stringent level of academic achievement throughout their time in Beta, maintain strong moral standards and integrity through personal example, and strive to serve others in need from students, to community, and beyond.

Brice's parents are Denise Wilson of Geary and the late Burl Buffalo meat of Seiling. His grandparents are Dennis Wilson and Ester Noline of Geary and Dana Buffalomeat of Seiling.

Shaynna Walker-Canton High School. Shaynna attends Canton High School and Northwest Technology Center in Fairview, Ok. She is taking the Desktop Publisher & Graphic Designer program with Northwest Technology.

Some of Shaynna's affiliations include: Business Professionals of America (BPA), Students Working against Tobacco (SWAT), Family Career Community Leader of America (FCCCLA), Indian Youth Club, Art Club, Students Working against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and the Tribal Youth Program (TYP). Shaynna has served as FCCCLA Secretary and captured the Bronze medal in ACT's Work Keys State of Oklahoma.

Shaynna's parents are Augustine Redhat and Glen Walker. Her grandparents are Wanada Redhat and Luther Redhat. Shaynna would

like to tell everyone, "I had an amazing experience and was happy to be chosen. I am really looking forward to graduating and going to college. It was fun meeting new people."

Martina Goodman-Hammon High School. Martina is a senior at Hammon High School in Hammon, Okla.

Martina is concurrently enrolled at Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she is taking Comp I and Comp II instead of her High School English IV requirements. Martina had to overcome some health issues to participate which speaks volumes about her inner strength and we were honored she was able to come to Dartmouth with us.

Martina also participates in cheerleading and her high school bible study. She also volunteers after school for the Boys and Girls program.

Martina's parents are John and Pollie Goodman.

Martina said, "It was an amazing trip and I felt so blessed that I got to go."

Cara Roman Nose-El Reno High School. Cara is a senior at El Reno High School. She was named October Student of the Month.

Cara participates in many extracurricular activities such as volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, cross country, vocal and drama.

Cara placed 11th at the State Cross Country Meet and takes pride in acting as a mentor to younger students with the El Reno Public Schools. Cara plans to become a physical therapist.

Cara's parents are Melvin Roman Nose and Karin Christensen.

Cara exclaimed, "I had a blast and Dartmouth is looking like an option for next fall!"

Melia Hawk graduated from Norman High School in 2014 but has not yet decided upon a college.

When Stephen Abbott, Associate Director of Admissions and Coordinator

of Native Outreach came to the Dept. of Education for a visit, Melia and her mother were in attendance. Melia is very interested in attending Dartmouth and we hope with this trip, her mind will be made up.

Melia is the daughter of Virginia Hawk and Irwin Pohleahla from the Hopi tribe. Melia was also involved with DECA and her Native American Club at Norman North High School.

These are only a few of the many outstanding Cheyenne and Arapaho students we have in our schools. We are very proud of them and hope they all attend college or university after graduation. The Higher Education Program and staff are here to advise and counsel all students through their application process.

The Executive Director of Education, Funston Whiteman added, "The Dartmouth visit was a collective effort and partnership between the DoE and Dartmouth Indian recruiting liaison Stephen Abbott. The Department of Education will provide opportunities for our tribal students to explore college and universities that will meet their needs. It is critical our tribal students become exposed to college and universities outside of Oklahoma. This process will enhance our tribal members after graduating college to return to the Cheyenne and Arapaho country and strengthen our People. It is our vision to schedule an out of state college visit for Fall 2015 to give our tribal students a chance to look at schools outside their comfort zone.

The Department of Education Higher Ed staff would like to thank all the counselors from the prospective schools for their nominations and would like to thank the Dartmouth Admissions office for their tireless efforts in recruiting Native Americans.

Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes seek to recover tribal funds from former lieutenant governor

(CONCHO, OK)-The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes has filed a federal lawsuit against its former Lt. Gov. Leslie Wandrie-Harjo to recover \$760,000 in funds the tribe claims Wandrie-Harjo embezzled.

Wandrie-Harjo says the funds have remained untouched since she deposited a cashiers check from the Bureau of Indian affairs at Citizens Bank in Ada in 2011. The money, much of it tribal oil and gas royalties, was meant to be divided and distributed among about 12,400 enrolled tribal members.

“I didn’t steal anything. It’s still in a cashiers check in Ada,” Wandrie-Harjo said. “That money belongs to the people.”

Harjo does not believe current tribal leadership, including Gov. Eddie Hamilton, is the legal government of the tribe and said she is holding the money to protect it for tribal members. The leadership of the tribe was in dispute for several years after Wandrie-Harjo and former Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell had a falling out

and a faction of the tribe backed Wandrie-Harjo as the rightful leader.

“They are violating our civil rights and our constitution,” Wandrie-Harjo said.

Gov. Eddie Hamilton has since been recognized by the tribal supreme court as the rightful governor of the tribe, and Wandrie-Harjo has no rightful claim to the money, said William Norman, an attorney for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Earlier this month, First Bank and Trust of Clinton unfroze approximately \$6.5 million in tribal funds that had been inaccessible to the tribe since 2012 because of the ongoing dispute over the tribal rightful government.

“I think the bank recognized in that instance that there was a stable government in place and was comfortable having the funds returned to the tribe,” Norman said.

The tribe already has an action pending against the United States in U.S. Federal Claims Court, to recover the money, but decided that it would be

quicker to try to recover the money by suing Wandrie-Harjo, because the federal claim requires going through the appropriations process in Congress, said Kirke Kickingbird, also an attorney for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

“The money that Wandrie-Harjo feels she is protecting is money tribal members could be using for their families’ needs,” Kickingbird said.

In its lawsuit, the tribe claim Harjo used “stealth and misrepresentation” to convince Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel that she had the right to take the funds on behalf of the tribe and that she has refused to return the money to the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the tribe. The tribe also claims in the lawsuit that Wandrie-Harjo has “personally attempted to use the funds.”

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is also seeking a court order directing Citizens Bank of Ada to release the money to the tribe, as well as \$25,000 in costs from Wandrie-Harjo the tribe claims it has incurred since 2011 trying to recover the money.

By Brianna Bailey

Safe Drivers Program teaches through hands on fun

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales



Photos by Shaida Tabrizi

Desiree Hamilton misses a step or two during her mock field sobriety test.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal students gave up a precious day of Spring Break sleeping in to attend the first ever Safe Drivers Program, and were rewarded with a day of fun.

The Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), Johnson O’Malley (JOM) and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) hosted their first Safe Drivers Program in Concho, March 17, 2015 and were pleased with a large turnout of soon-to-be drivers, aged 15 and older.

Though the event began at 9 a.m., students were greeted by a welcome breakfast and the promise of a unique afternoon, hinted at by the presence of a driving simulator in the room, soon woke them up. Like an educational arcade game, the simulator provided by Pioneer Telephone Cooperative taught kids how easily texting while driving can lead to an accident.

“We just want them to see how dangerous texting and driving, or any distracted driving, really is,” Pioneer public relations specialist Cindy Gore said.

In addition to the simulator, students completed a defensive driving course,

signed pledges to neither drink nor text while driving, participated in a simulated drinking and driving course and went through a mock field sobriety test from Bureau of Indian Affairs officers.

“I really liked it,” student Desiree Hamilton said about the field sobriety test. “I didn’t think it would be that hard until I put the drunk goggles on.”

Those who completed all of the program’s safety prerequisites received financial assistance for the driver’s education course fees, as much as a \$375.00 value, from the JOM program. The ETA program also set out a \$100.00 completion incentive for students completing not only the safety prerequisites but also the completion of driver’s education and attainment of a driver’s license.

There are plans in the works to repeat this program for future drivers in years to come.

“We hope to be able to provide this event each year during Spring Break to prepare students for driver’s education courses that are normally provided during the summer,” TTP transportation director Angela Blind said.

Native American History overlooked in schools, one state’s attempt to change that

By Rebecca Klein

When teacher Christine Ayers talks to her fourth-grade class about numbers and math, she uses examples involving beadwork from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. When she talks to her classroom about poetry and character education, she reads traditional native stories, which she says generally “teach a lesson.”

Ayers is not of Native American descent, and neither are 50 percent of her students at Linderman Elementary School, she estimates. However, an unprecedented constitutional amendment in Montana requires classroom teachers to integrate information about Native American culture and history in all instruction. Now, Montana is a leader in educating this population of students, and provides an example for how teachers can use culturally aware instruction to promote tolerance.

“These kids don’t really get a mirror to look at,” Ayers told The Huffington Post of her native students. “I think [this instruction] helps both native and non-native kids understand everyone’s culture.”

In 1972, Montana added language to its constitution pledging to use education to preserve the unique cultural heritage of Native Ameri-

cans. After nearly 30 years of inaction, this pledge was codified with the Indian Education for All (IEFA) Act, which says that every student in Montana, whether native or not, should “be encouraged to learn about the distinct and unique heritage of American Indians in a culturally responsive manner.” Several years later still, in 2005, this act was logistically implemented when the state legislature gave the initiative financial backing.

A small number of states, including South Dakota and Wisconsin, have policies emphasizing the need to teach tribal history in schools -- but no other state has a constitutional mandate about it, said Denise Juneau, the Montana superintendent of public instruction. In 2008, Juneau became the first Native American female in Montana history to be elected to statewide office.

Nationwide, native students have especially low standardized test scores and graduation rates, and native students in Montana are no exception. Also similar to other native students around the country, most native youth in Montana attend regular public schools, as opposed to government-operated Bureau of Indian Education schools.



Courtesy photo

Fourth grade teacher, Christine Ayers, is trying to change the way the United States History is being taught in schools, specically, the lack of Native American history.

“[IEFA] is not solely for American Indian students,” noted Mandy Smoker Broadus, director of Indian education for the Montana Office of Public Instruction. “It’s probably more broadly intended for non-native citizens in Montana, as we have a complex history. [IEFA] is hoping to develop better understandings among different people.”

There is no quantitative evidence regarding how IEFA may be affecting native students, but teachers and policymakers say they see the act’s impact firsthand.

“[Native Amer-

ican culture] is almost an invisible culture within schools, so students might struggle,” Broaddus said. “We have many, many individual stories of young people who have really responded when Indian Education for All was brought to life in their classrooms.”

“We got to watch classrooms of young people talking about American Indian history -- they were curious and engaged ... [When you are] inclusive of any culture really, I think young people by and large are very responsive,” she continued.

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“What to do when your child gets sick”



- Training will be held at each Head Start center:
- Concho April 8th 6-8pm
- Clinton April 13th 6-8pm
- Canton April 14th 6-8pm
- For more info: Please contact Colette Berg @ 405-422-7636.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Robert’s Rules of Order: Indian Parliamentary Law
April 7-8, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.csninc.net.

Midwest Native American Leadership Forum
April 9-10, 2015 at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Understanding the Indi-

an Child Welfare Act
April 16-17, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

33rd Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
April 19-22, 2015 in Portland, Ore. For more information or to register visit www.nicwa.org.

The 20th annual Mid Year Tribal Enrollment

Conference
April 22-23, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.csninc.net.

Understandsing the Indian Self-Determination Act
April 23-24, 2015 in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Building the Foundation for Professional Success
May 12-13, 2015 at the

National Indian Programs Training Center in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Sixth annual Native American Healthcare Conference
May 17-19, 2015 at the Harrah’s Resort in Valley Center, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Robert’s Rules of Order for the Tribal Recording

Secretary
May 19-21, 2015 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Ninth annual Native American Economic Development, Diversification & Energy Projects Conference
June 15-16, 2015 at the Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The second annual National Native American Leadership Forum
July 9-10, 2015 at the Hilton Waikiki Beach in Waikiki, Hawaii. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 2015 National Native Media Conference
July 9-12, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. For more information or to register visit www.naja.com.

Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes Head Start staff participates in the National Center on Health summit

On Feb. 19-20, 2015, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Head Start staff participated in the National Center on Health at the UCLA Health Care Institute in Washington, DC. In attendance were 80 Head Start programs from throughout the United States.

As a result of the UCLA Health Care Institute, Trainer-of-Trainer event, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Head Start staff was required to share this training with their respective head start communities. Currently, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Head Start staff is in the process of planning three health fair events that

will focus on sharing information from the, *What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick*, book that was utilized at this training event. The parents will receive training on the contents of the book, and be asked to complete pre- and post-assessments.

In addition, the UCLA Health Care Institute gave each Head Start program that participated, 90 books, thermometers, and supporting funds to provide training to their head start communities.

The UCLA Health Care Institute sponsored all training, travel costs to participate in the National Center on Health-UCLA Health

Care Institute. Undoubtedly, this training will be a valuable resource to head start families because the training will show them what to do in the event their children get sick. It will, in addition, save time, money, and trips to the doctor’s office and emergency rooms. Additionally, it will decrease the absences of employees that have to miss work due to sick children, plus minimize the number of days children are absent from school.

Lastly, the head start parents will have the basic health knowledge and skills necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle for their



Submitted photo
Pictured l-r: Colette Berg, Head Start Director, Tracie Little, AIAN OHS Program Specialist, Pam Sutton, Health/Nutrition Manager, Benita Bear, Family Community Partnership Manager.

families and prevent future childhood illnesses.

Civil rights march

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The Rev. Jackson also informed Blackbear of the struggles of the south and that a march in Alabama would be soon taking place.

The Trip...

Through the United Methodist Church advocacy groups in Religion and Race and Church and Society in Washington, D.C., 13 Native leaders from across the country were invited to attend the 1965 Selma March to support the movement. Blackbear was one of the 13.

“We flew to Birmingham and then was transported to Selma,” said Blackbear, as he sat reminiscing, while drinking a cup of coffee and smoking a cigarette.

to a two-story public housing apartment in a predominantly black neighborhood in Selma. “It was where poor people lived,” said Blackbear.

While there, the group would meet with other civil rights leaders and were fed by local churches and advocacy groups from the area.

“We ate soul food. A lot of chicken, ham hock, greens, and corn bread,” said Blackbear. “This was the first time a lot of black people met Native Americans. We let them know of our struggles.”

The 50th Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March

On March 7, 2015, President Obama, his wife Michelle, and daughters Malia and Sasha were joined with John Lewis, Andrew Young, Julian Bond, Hosea Williams, President George Bush and wife Laura, Alabama Governor Robert J. Bentley, U.S. Attorney Eric Holder and other leaders to commemorate the 50th Anniversary.

“President Obama praised the civil rights movement in 1965, but also pointed out that human relations still needs work,” said Blackbear. “He brought up the Ferguson tragedy, the civil rights bill extended by Presidents Reagan and Bush. He also asked the congress to send a bill to him that would restore the Civil Rights Act.”

For the Watonga resident, attending the anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March and all it stood for will be a cherished moment in his life.

“It was overwhelming to see over 200,000 people last week,” said Blackbear. “From the youngest to the oldest, all walks of life, people showed up,” he said. “That’s what it was all about, to commemorate the events in 1965.”

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NOTICE

**The Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes
CHR Program will be out of the
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1 onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 medium head of cabbage, shredded

1/2 cup barley

2 cups diced ham

1 tsp. dried parsley

Place chicken broth, celery, carrots, onion, garlic, cabbage, barley, ham and parsley in a large pot over high heat. Bring to a boil, reduce to heat low and simmer for 1-1/2 hours.

Powwows & Events

CALENDAR

Cheyenne District & Arapaho District 2 Easter Commnity Activities

April 3, 2015 Geary, Okla. Easter meal served at noon at the Geary Community Center, followed by a 1:30 p.m. Easter egg hunt at Geary City park.

April 3, 2015 Kingfisher, Okla. Easter meal served at noon at the Kingfisher City Park, immediately following, an Easter egg hunt.

Graduation/Honor Dance for Maci Hinshaw

April 4, 2015 at the Seiling/Fonda Community Center, 411 N. Main Street in Seiling, Okla. Gourd dance at 4 p.m., supper at 5 p.m.

Maci will be graduating from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor’s of Science, Nursing, in May 2015. She is the daughter of Sandra Hinshaw and the late Dale Hinsahw, and the granddaughter of Rita Black, all of Seiling, Okla.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T.’s annual Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 2015 at the Concho ball fields in Concho, Okla.

Graduation Honor Dance for Bruce Whiteman III

April 4, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., with program to follow. Special invitation to all chiefs. Special contest includes Ironman, Fancy War Dance and Fancy Shawl combined, \$500. Winner take all in Southern Straight, sponsored by the Tsoitigh family, Women’s Buckskin, three places with first place winning cash prize and Star Quilt. Sponsored by the graduates family in memory of Randi Marie Tsoitigh.

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She is the daughter of Sandra Hinshaw and the late Dale Hinshaw, and granddaughter of Rita Black, all of Seiling, Okla.

Happy 95th Birthday Dance for Doty Lumpmouth Jr.

April 4, 2015 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Painting ceremony at 2 p.m. by Grant Fletcher. Dance, 2 p.m. - 10 p.m., dinner served at 5 p.m. No giveaways. Family members are encouraged to bring a side dish and birthday gift. For more information contact Francine Williams at (405) 412.8715 or Nakayla Lumpmouth (405) 812-4988.

Diabetes Wellness Program Community Outreach

April 10, 2015 in Clinton, Okla. Meeting from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Elder Nutrition Center and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Independent Living Center. If you are due for shoes and intend to pick them up during the community outreach, you must call ahead with your shoe size information, (405) 422-7723.

16th Birthday Dance for Aundrea Koshiway and Angel Koshiway

April 11, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Aundrea is the daughter of Joseph and Leighann Koshiway and granddaughter of Deswood Koshiway and Louella Oldbear.

Angel is the daughter of Leonard and Mia Koshiway and granddaughter of Lewis and Mabel Cozad.

Tentative program, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Gourd dance, 5 p.m. supper, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Round dance and Intertribal. Teen girl contest (13-19 years old), Cloth and Buckskin combined. 1st place, \$300, 2nd place \$200 and 3rd place \$100.

Sponsored by the Koshiway and Cozad families. For more information call Deswood Koshiway at (405) 823-8745 or Louella Oldbear at (405) 426-2278.

The University of Central Oklahoma (OCU) annual Spring Powwow

April 12, 2015 in the Nigh University Center Ballrooms, 100 N. University Drive in Edmond, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m. Traditional supper at 5 p.m. with Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Vendor spaces are available. For more information please call (405) 974-3588 or email ucopowwow@gmail.com.

Benefit Dance for Ra-Kayah Davis

April 18, 2015 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Supper at 4 p.m. with dance to follow.

Ra-Kayah is a candidate for the 2015 Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Cheyenne Princes.

Ra-Kayah is the daughter of Tawny Bullcoming and Roger Davis Jr. Her maternal grandparents are Edwina Pewo and Wilbur Bullcoming. Her paternal grandparents are Roger Davis Sr., and the late Gerlene Davis. Her great-grandparents include Margie Pewo and the late Edwin Pewo, Moses Starr Jr., and the late Nellie Jo Starr, Esther Seger and the late Donald Bullcoming Sr., and Victor and Lenora Pratt.

Comanche Little Ponies 47th annual Powwow

May 9, 2015 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds, Expo Center, in Lawton, Okla. Gourd dancing begins at noon, supper at 5 p.m., followed by Grand Entry and contests beginning at 6 p.m. Open and free to the public. Arts and crafts, and food vendors are welcomed. For more information email lowellnibbs@yahoo.com.

Code talkers

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aware Scout Black Beaver led that expedition, and shared guide duties with both Pawnee and Comanche Tribal members.

During the Civil War, four regiments of the Indian Home Guard served in the US Army in the Indian Territory. In 1866, by Act of Congress, US Scouts were established and Native Americans from many tribes served in the US Army until their final official deactivation in 1948. Their insignia of crossed arrows would eventually be adopted as the insignia of the US Army and Special Forces.

From 1891 through 1897, the “L” Troop of each Calvary regiment was made up of Native American Soldiers. In World War I in France, the 142D infantry Regiment had a company of Indians who spoke 26 different languages or dialects, only four or five, which had been reduced to writing. Two Native American officers were selected to supervise a communications system staffed by Choctaw Indians. World War II, that an organized code was developed. Twenty-one Comanche men were handpicked by the US Government to participate in the WWII Code Talker Program. Seventeen of those men went on received training as Radio Operators and Line Repairman with the 4th Infantry Division. During this time, they developed secret Comanche Code Words that no one outside the group would be able to understand, including other Comanches. Encryption devises of the time were slow, sometimes taking hours to decipher messages. Using code words, a Code Talker could decode the same message in less than three-minutes. The Code used by the Code Talkers proved highly successful; in fact their codes were never broken.

Code Talkers were sent overseas during WWII to fight in both the Pacific and European Theaters. Conceived in 1918, the Code Talker Program eventually comprised more than 400 Native American who volunteered to defend the Nation. These valiant soldiers are credited with saving the lives of thousands of American and allied service men.

To the end, Congress passed Public Law 110-420, referred to as the Code Talker Recognition to as the Code Talker Recognition Act of 2008 to honor all Code Talkers for their contributions to the United States during WWI and WWII. On, November 20th, 2013, 216 Code Talkers from 25 Native American Tribes were recognized during a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in Washington, DC. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor that Congress can bestow.”

Following the history of the Code Talkers, Sgt. Darrell Kauley called the names of the Comanche and Kiowa Code Talkers, and the families of the men stood when their family member name was called.

“I know the Spirit of the Code Talkers is with us, especially with Medicine Bluffs around us,” said Col. Waters. “The Code Talkers selflessly served and gave their country one gift only they could give, and they changed the course of modern history. I know as new soldiers pass through these walls, they may emulate the spirit of the Code Talkers.”

Waters also explained because the Code Talker Project

was so effective, the men who participated in it were sworn to secrecy until 1968, and the Native American Tribes are still loyal to defend the country.

“The Native American list is higher than any other race. Code Talkers of WWI did not secure full American citizenship until 1924, and like the African Americans and Japanese Americans soldiers at the time were kept away from full participation in the Armed Services, they still enlisted and served with pride, patriotism, and honor,” expressed Waters.

He said there were a total of 33 tribes that, 10 from Oklahoma, and four from Ft. Sill, contributed to the Code Talkers efforts.

Representing the Governor of the Cheyenne-Arapahoe Tribes was Vincent Scott, who burned Sweet Grass and prayed over the building.

“We are grateful for being asked to this event,” expressed Scott. “Our tribe has always been involved in defending this country.”

Representing the Kiowa Tribe was Chairwoman Amber Toppah, who expressed gratitude for honoring the Code Talkers.

“I am glad there is a place to commemorate our Code Talkers,” said Toppah. “To honor today, the Kiowa Complex will hold a moment of silence at 11:30 a.m. to honor the Code Talkers.

Toppah placed a Pendleton Blanket on Col. Waters and gave a gift to be placed in the building.

“I know our relatives are looking down on us in a good way on Medicine Bluffs,” said Comanche Nation Chairman, Wallace Coffey. “Today my heart is happy.”

He explained how he, veteran Lanny Asepermy, and other CBC lobbied Congress for two years to have the Comanche Code Talkers recognized and honored with the Congressional Medal of Honor.

“I want to thank Kay Granger and Dan Boren for re-introducing the Bill, which passed by 100%,” he said.

“The Code Talkers could not talk about what they experienced overseas, because they took an oath and they did not break it.” Because they could not talk about what they went through, some endured personal problems.”

Chairman Coffey, Chairwoman Toppah, and Scott unveiled the cover of the building. As the name was unveiled, the Narrorator said, “IAW AR 1-33, Building 2120 has been dedicated in honor of the Native American Code Talkers and will bear the name of “Code Talker Hall” from this day forward.”

The three representatives of the tribes unveiled the Code Talker Monument, which reads, “The Code Talkers, comprised of Native American Servicemen, used trial dialects as a means of transmitting secret communication during World War I and World War II. The messages were decipherable only by other Code Talkers. The program was first conceived in 1918 and eventually involved more than 400 Native Americans from 33 tribes, including the Comanche Nation, the Kiowa tribe, and the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes, among



Photo by Paula Karty

Cheyenne Princess, Carmen Sankey, stands proudly by the new Code Talker Hall monument. The monument marks the new Code Talker Hall building where new recruits will register on the Ft. Still Army base in Lawton, Okla.

other Oklahoma tribes. The Code Talkers served in critical wartime battles and combat operations. Their contributions were invaluable to the successful conclusion of both wars. The Code Talkers Program was kept secret until 1968 in the event their unique skills were needed one again by the United States Government.

Nona Gail Reed, oldest daughter of Comanche Code Talker, PFC Wellington Mihecoby, expressed her honor for being present with her brother and sister to recognize her father and the other Code Talkers. She had with her a vial of sand from Normandy Beach in France, which she gathered during the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy Beach in 2014.

“I am elated to have the building named for the Code Talkers. They’re gone, but not forgotten.”

She then sprinkled the sand on the Code Talker monument.



Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

The new 2015 Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Youth Council Officers (l-r): Elijah Wilson, Rachelle Roman Nose, Annie Slinkey, Zhonnie Sherman, Christian Wassana, Carmen Sankey, and Michael Hall.

Tribal Youth Council officers sworn in

The ballots are closed, the votes counted and the new Tribal Youth Council officers are ready for a new year of increased involvement with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Elections were held during the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program’s annual youth forum for students in the seventh through 12th grades. The students attend a full day of activities, guest speakers, panel discussions and end the evening with a dance. This year’s youth forum was held March 16, 2015 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

This year’s events included guest speakers Governor Eddie Hamilton, comedian Adrienne Chalepah and a grisly drug talk by speaker Rick Pickens, inducing plenty of groans and a healthy fear of the dangers of drugs.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program Director, Reggie Island and Assistant Director, Jeffery Elizondo talked to the students in attendance, encouraging them to take a larger part in the youth council.

“Take ownership of your youth council,” Elizondo said.

There are also plans for the youth council to join the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) organization to become more established. UNITY is a national organization that fosters personal development, citizenship and leadership among Native American youth.

Echoing those sentiments, elder Eugene Blackbear Jr. told the students, “Be brave, don’t be scared. That’s what this program is about, to help you to become leaders. We love

all of you, you are beautiful kids.”

Candidates, nominated by their peers, gave a short speech about their qualifications and why they should be elected to serve on the youth council board. Following their speeches each student filled out a ballot and voted for their candidate. The new 2015-2016 youth council officers elected were Male National Representative, Elijah Wilson, Female National Representative, Rachelle Roman Nose, Treasurer, Annie Slinkey, Secretary, Zhoonie Sherman, Vice-President, Christian Wassana, Male Co-President, Michael Hall, and Female Co-President, Carmen Sankey. Following dinner, DJ Tony Tee hosted a dance.

For more information about the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program or the Cheyenne and Arapaho Youth Council, call (405) 422-7570.

Buffalo butcher

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erably and jokes circulated as everyone prepared to eat.

It was teenager Mollie Harrison’s first butchering experience also, though her mother had been teaching her many other traditional practices.

“This is just another thing that brings me closer to my tribe and heritage,” Harrison said.

Harrison had a large share in helping to remove the hide from the buffalo. According to the history being passed around the site, traditional women could skin the entire buffalo in under an hour.

“I give it to them women,” Harrison said. “They certainly got us beat on time.”

Spotted Bird also gave a demonstration of the range of products the tribe could, and still do, make from all parts of the buffalo. There was sinew thread and bone needles, hide cloth tanned with oil from the brain, ribs to shape arrow shafts and powwow regalia. For example, the animal’s windpipe is used to give the dancer strength and increased lung capacity.

Eventually this particular hide will be tanned in the traditional way with brain oil, then quartered and used next year in the tribes’ three different ceremonies.

For more information on future traditional events, contact the Culture and Heritage Program at (405) 422-8267.

Students wanted for second annual Native Youth in Food & Ag Summer Leadership Summit

The Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas School of Law was launched in 2013 to assist Indian Country in issues related to tribal governance in food and agriculture, strategic business and community assessments, and youth education and professional development in food and agriculture.

In furtherance of their goals in service to Indian Country, the first ever “Native Youth in Food and Agriculture: Summer Leadership Summit” was held in July 2014. Over 48 students from 22 tribes attended the inaugural summit for a week of classroom learning, field trips, culture sharing and leadership opportunities. Students came from all across Indian Country to attend, and the accomplishments and continued learning of those first summit students continue to astound us.

This year we are holding the second annual summit. We are looking for first-time attendees, second-time attendees who will serve as “Summit Fellows,” and Student Leaders who are already attending college or university.

We are looking for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students with a passion and interest in food and agriculture who are willing to

be our next generation of food and agriculture leaders in Indian Country.

Please spread the word about this second annual summit, and certainly share with any Native students who might be interested.

Selected students will travel to our campus to participate in an exciting week of discussion, leadership development, cultural experiences, field trips, learning and planning. Because specialized business, law and policy issues surround Indian Country food and agriculture, we are focused on ensuring that our next generation has all the tools they need to succeed. All selected students will have pre-arrival materials to complete before arrival on campus.

PLEASE APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Summit dates will be, July 19 - July 28, 2015 (this includes travel dates

Location: University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, Ark.

Hosts include, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas School of Law, Farm Credit Council, Intertribal Agriculture Council, and the National FFA Organization.

The deadline for all applicants to apply is June 1, 2015, but spaces are limited, so please encourage interested

youth to get their applications in as soon as possible.

Three different applications are available:

1. First-time attendees: Complete the Student Application,
2. Second-time attendees: Complete the Summit Fellow Application,
3. College-aged: Complete the Student Leader Application.

All food, lodging, instructional materials, and field trip costs will be provided.

Depending on the number of students, some travel scholarships will also be provided. However, we need applications as soon as possible to plan for travel needs.

For additional information, visit www.law.uark.edu/ifai/summer-leadership-summit-native-youth-in-agriculture.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Rebecca Sims at ras017@uark.edu or call (479) 575-4434.

Submit your application by email to ras017@uark.edu or by mail to: University of Arkansas School of Law Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative c/o Rebecca Sims 1045 W. Maple St. Fayetteville, AR 72701

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Native American history

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Ayers said that nationwide, instruction on Native American culture typically takes a historic bent but that implementing the IEFA pushes teachers to incorporate the topic in other subjects and make it more relevant to students.

“It helps the kids have this sense of, ‘We are here and we still need to be recognized and listened to as a

group of kids who are striving to do our best and go to college,’” Ayers said.

IEFA may help build the confidence of native students, said Christine Rogers Stanton, an associate professor of social studies education at Montana State University.

“We know from both case studies and more informal conversations that

native communities believe in Indian Ed for All, and see that it is increasing student confidence,” Stanton said.

“Every time I go to conferences to present on my research, I often get a fairly large following that asks, tell me more about Indian Education for All,” she continued. “States are looking to leadership on this.”

There is still plenty work

to be done in terms of further implementing the IEFA and making sure it is being delivered in the most effective ways, Jioanna Carjuzaa, an associate professor of multicultural education, curriculum and instruction at Montana State University, said. Still, she said, there is “no question this is a commitment that as a state we’re all involved in.”

TRIBAL TIDBITS



On March 11, 2015, the Chickasaw Nation I.H.S. came to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Center in Concho, Okla., to observe how the Healthy Hearts Program has been implemented by the Clinton and Watonga I.H.S. offices into the Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Centers’ weekly curriculums.

Bonnie Kraft, Director of Public Health from the Watonga I.H.S. office, did a demonstration for the children on how the heart works.

Kristie Purdy, nutritionist, from the Clinton I.H.S. office made a nutritious fruit smoothie for the children using low fat yogurt, frozen fruits, and skim milk.

Will and Anthony from the Clinton I.H.S. office exercised with the children and taught them many exercises to do at home.

The Healthy Hearts program helps the children learn how to regularly exercise and what foods to eat that will help them grow and keep their bodies healthy.



The Dept. of Health, Tribal Strategic Prevention Framework (TSPF), Specialist, Maria Farmer, spent the day giving out educational pamphlets on fighting drug and alcohol abuse in the main tribal complex lobby in Concho, Okla.

The titles of the pamphlets ranged from “Fight-

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	Carrie Whitlow.....	Arapaho
Head Singers.....	Jim Anquoe.....	Kiowa
	Everett Moore.....	Kickapoo
Arena Director.....	Robert Lobaugh.....	Arapaho

Suzan Shown Harjo is a Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal member who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama last November. Though born in El Reno, it would be many years before she saw “home,” after moving to Italy at a young age while her father was in the Army. Upon the family’s return to the States, they lived in New York, where she started her activist career by producing the first Indian news show in the United States. Through the years she has become an iconic name in Native American activism—contributing to the development and passage of federal laws to protect the sacred rights and protection for Native American culture, art, language and research. You may recognize her name as a party in the original case to revoke the registered name of the Washington Redskins, which was upheld in June 2014.

We are pleased to have fellow tribal members welcome her home after so many years. The Tribes welcome you and your family to this special occasion!

**For more information:
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Happy Birthdays



Happy 8th Birthday April 25th, 2007
To the best Cheyenne/ Eskimo Daughter in the whole world. I love my one-n-only Anessa Cheyenne Woods-Blackbear with all my heart!
I hope that you will grow up to be the greatest person in the world! Remember who you are and everything will be awesome! I just know it!
Love your one-n-only ~Momma



Happy Belated 3rd Birthday
Dmichael Elledge
We love you.
Love, mom, dad, Kelly, Leah and family



Happy 5th Birthday Cadience-April 6th & Happy 8th Birthday Adham-April 2nd
Love, grandma Myra, papa Frank, daddy Ryan, lil sister, Jasmine, uncles Kial and Zachary, and Vanessa.
We love you two very much and we hope you both have a wonderful day.



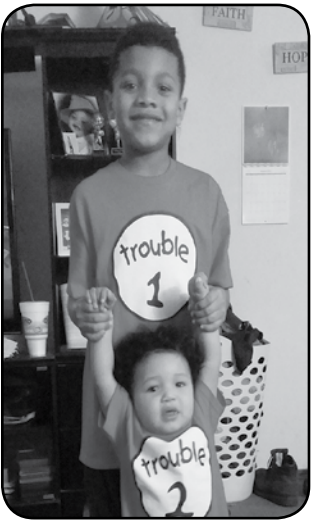
Happy Belated Birthday Elaine Bird-MARCH 2, And my sister Ruth Ann Costilla-March 11
Wishing both of you a very happy birthday from all your family in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, & Colorado
We all love you both very much and hope you have many more birthdays! Lulululu!



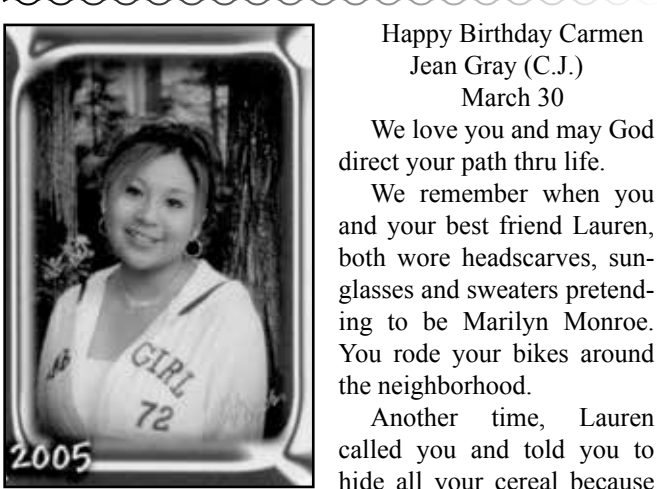
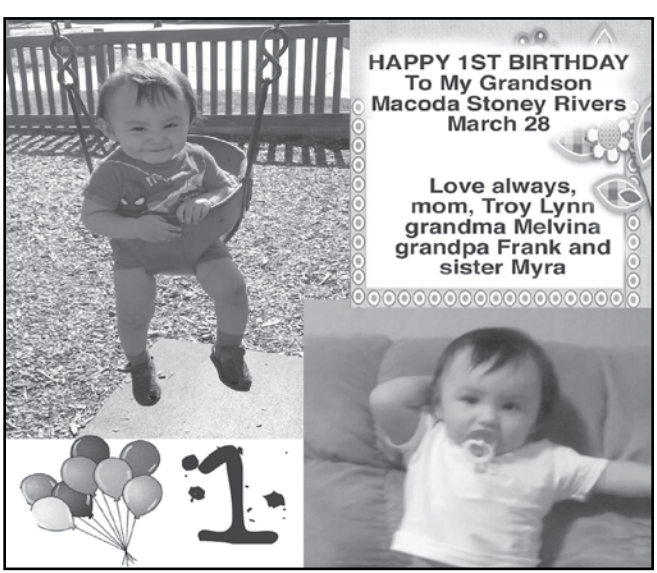
Happy 95th Birthday Grandpa Doty Lump-mouth Jr.
April 1, 1920
Love all your family



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Rochelle and Joy L. Whitebuffalo Sr.
April 6
Chilocco Indian High School sweethearts and with God's help have managed to get through all the difficult time and have had many many joyous times throughout our 50 years together.
Their wonderful family include three sons, Junior, Efrain, and Matthew (deceased), a daughter-in-law, June, grand-daughters, Shana and Kelsey, and grandsons, Kyle, Matthew and Cory and his fiance' Lori.



Happy 1st Birthday Kendell
You have been a blessing to us. I want to wish you lots of love and happiness. We can't wait to watch you grow.
Love, mom, brother, dad, Beba, uncle Chris, uncle Bryce and uncle Alan



Happy Birthday Carmen Jean Gray (C.J.)
March 30
We love you and may God direct your path thru life.
We remember when you and your best friend Lauren, both wore headscarves, sunglasses and sweaters pretending to be Marilyn Monroe. You rode your bikes around the neighborhood.
Another time, Lauren called you and told you to hide all your cereal because her mom said there a serial killer on the loose that escaped from jail and the time you and Lauren both dug a hole in the ground, buried your Skittles because you wanted to see the Skittles Rainbow. You also buried your sunflower seeds because you two wanted giant sunflowers. Life was so easy when you were in Kindergarten through grad school.
Take care of yourself, especially your health.
Love your family the Grays, mom Carmen, Cecil, Hauli, baby Glory, Charles, Isha, Mikey, Lacey, baby Breanna, baby Rae Lynn, Emily and C.J.

Happy Special Birthday to my Nish-git (grandma) Margie Pewo
March 23
You are the best, caring, loving lady in the world.
Happy 78th birthday Nish-git.
Love your loving grandson, Chuck

In Loving Memory of
Leta Ann "Wolfchief" Rogers
Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We will miss you every single day until we meet again. We will love you always.
Thank you for everything, love, Whitney

In Loving & Fond Memories



Frances Beard
Nov. 11, 1928
March 6, 2015
Wake services were held March 9 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.
Funeral services were held March 10, also at the Concho Community Center, followed by an Interment at the El Reno Cemetery.



Catherine Hawk
July 1, 1962
March 8, 2015
Wake services were held March 13 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla.
Funeral services were held March 14, also at the Hammon Community Center, followed by an Interment at the Hammon Indian Cemetery.



Leta Ann Rogers
Oct. 9, 1944
March 5, 2015
Funeral services were held March 9 at the Commerce Chapel, followed by an Interment at the Peoria Indian Quapaw Cemetery.



Dee Kay Toppah
Nov. 28, 1945
March 18, 2015
Wake services were held March 22 at the Botone United Methodist Church in Carnegie, Okla.
Funeral services were held March 23 also at the Boton United Methodist Church, followed by an Interment at the Cedar Creek Cemetery.



Edward Whiteskunk
Aug. 28, 1956
March 24, 2015
Wake services were held March 27 at the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Chapel in Clinton, Okla.
Funeral services were held March 28 at the Hammon High School Auditorium in Hammon, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Hammon Indian Cemetery.



Dorothy Wood
Jan. 1, 1930
March 6, 2015
Graveside services were held March 11 at the Geary-Cemetery in Geary, Okla.



Myrtle Kelly Wood
May 14, 1921
March 16, 2015
Wake services were held March 19 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.
Funeral services were held March 20 also at the Concho Community Center, followed by an Interment at the Kingfisher City Cemetery in Kingfisher, Okla.



Garland Lane Blackwolf Jr. was born to Sharon June Chiefly and Garland L. Blackwolf Sr. on March 5, 1977 in Clinton, Okla. He met Maheo on March 24, 2015.
He was suffering from seizures. He liked walking around and he had went for an early walk, and fell in a seizure. He stopped breathing and started having a seizure.

He was rushed to OU Medical March 16, 2015. They did a Cat Scan, an MRI, and said he suffered severe brain damage. The doctor called us to take him off the breathing machine. We did ... at 3 p.m. He was able to breath on his own for over 24 hours and he took his last breath at 9:20 p.m. The doctor said he had a very strong heart.
He was preceded in death by his mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, aunts and uncles.
He left behind one brother, Jeremy James Chiefly Sr., one sister, LaQuita Joyce Hail.
Nieces and nephews, Tanika, Tamira, Jeremy, Ashton, Sterling, Judeah and others. He lived with his auntie, Lisa Brown and family.
G.B., as he went by, enjoyed playing solitary by himself so he could always win. He loved doing the dishes, cleaning the kitchen, and making coffee. He had to have a good cigarette, to go with his coffee. He liked going to Bingo, and Casino hopping. He attended Canton Schools, Canton, OK. Garland never married due to his accident in 1999.
Wake services for Garland Lane Blackwolf Jr. was held March 25 at the Canton Native American Gym, in Canton, Okla., with Reverend George Akeen Jr. officiating. Funeral services were held March 27 at the same venue. Interment was held at the Canton Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Haigler-Pierce Funeral Home, Canton, Okla.

In Loving Memory
Aaliyah Gonzales
03/09/2015 - 03/09/2015
Daughter of Sabryna Black

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Qualifications:

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SALARY: Negotiable

**Emergency Mgt.
Program Director
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:

Possession of a baccalaureate degree with two years experience in a management position, or four years experience in management of public safety or related community service work, or a combination of both. Certified as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructor. Certified as a CPR/First Aid Instructor or experience as an Emergency Medical Responder. Have completed ICS 300, ICS 400, ICS 800, E/L 580, E/L 581, E/L 582, E/L 583 and E/L 449. Have experience or training with Live-stock and Wildlife Rescue (LART). Have experience or training with firefighting. Have experience or training in emergency preparedness. Have experience or training in Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Assist. Director
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Closing: April 12, 2015**

Qualifications:

Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood or related field, and a minimum of three years experience working with adults in a supervisory or teaching capacity, or equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain training as requested. Must be familiar with federal, regional, state and local tribal regulations as they apply to the specific area of program operations. Ability to work with low-income families. Ability to function effectively in cross cultural situations. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license and be willing to obtain a CDL and Bus driver’s license, Random U.A. Obtain and hold a current food handler’s care/first aid and CPR. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry. Random Drug Testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Adult Education
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Canton, OK
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Qualifications:

Bachelor’s Degree in Education or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Cheyenne & Arapaho Indian preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

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SALARY: Negotiable

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Ability to organize, catalogue, display, distribute and produce instructional materials. Ability to select and provide access to a wide variety of materials which meet the needs of various learners. Knowledge and ability to teach information and technology literacy needed for independent learning. Ability to provide an environment conducive to quick accessibility, good study habits, and development of proficient media users. Knowledge and ability to work with technology. Ability to demonstrate effective interpersonal relationships with library/media users and tribal employees. Knowledge of copyright laws. Effective oral and written communication skills. Maintain professionalism and an environment conducive to learning. Must possess proficient computer knowledge and be proficient in Microsoft Office programs. Must possess a current OK driver’s license, this includes having a clean driving record for insurance purposes. Ability to pass an OSBI background check and drug screening. Must be willing and able to perform related travel normally associated with this position. B.A.in one or more of the following fields of study, English, History, or Native American Studies, or working towards obtaining one of the required degrees. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

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Qualifications:

Bachelor’s degree preferred or 4-years experience in law enforcement or legal services. Strong typing and hands-on computer skills a must. Must abide by confidentiality policies. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho cultures preferred. Must pass pre-hire and random drug screening.

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IN THE TRIAL COURT FOR THE
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JUVENILE DIVISION
P.O. BOX 102, 700 BLACK KETTLE BLVD.
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,
In the Interest of:

D.J.H.B.
DOB: 01-04-2013

Alleged Neglected or Dependent Child.

And Concerning:

Unknown Natural Father.

Case No. JFJ-2013-0003

**SUMMONS
AND
NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Unknown Natural Father

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Motion to Terminate Parental Rights of Putative Father And Unknown Father has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Juvenile Court alleging that the above named child is adjudicated as a neglected or dependent child and requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said child and her unknown natural father, all as more fully set out in the Motion to Terminate Parental Rights of Putative Father and Unknown Father filed in said cause.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 5th day of May, 2015, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Motion to Terminate Parental Rights of Putative Father and Unknown Father and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the Motion to Terminate Parental Rights of Putative Father and Unknown Father.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said Motion at the time and place above shown. You have the right

to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in said Motion and the right to object to the granting of said Motion and to show why your parental rights to said child should not be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings or hearings, in an order of the Court terminating your parental rights to said child in accordance with law.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2015.

LaB B. Oipoby Herbert, Judge
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal District Court

Albert Ghezzi
Albert Ghezzi, Attorney General
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
P.O. Box 32
Concho, Oklahoma 73022
(405) 422-7414 or 422-7855

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO
DISTRICT COURTS OF OKLAHOMA
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE INSTRUMENT HEREWITH SET OUT AS IT APPEARS ON RECORD IN THE COURT CLERKS OFFICE.

Witness my hand and seal this 24 day of March, 2015

Paul Hall
COURT CLERK

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ANNA M. BULLCOMING
Petitioner

vs.

BUTCH THOMAS HERNDON
Respondent

Case No: JFD-2015-0010

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: BUTCH THOMAS HERNDON

You are hereby notified that ANNA M. BULLCOMING has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 6th day of MAY, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 18TH day of MARCH, 2015.

Plaintiff:
Anna J. Bullciming
837 N.W. 95th
Oklahoma City, Ok 73114

Edwina Whiteman
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